



Second Grade

Learning with a
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purpose

Holy Cross Lutheran School

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About the Teacher: Mrs. Peggy Drew



I am a native Wichitan with 32 years of teaching experience at Wichita Collegiate School and an additional year teaching at a Title I school in the Los Angeles area. I have a Masters degree in Education from Friend's University. I earned my B.A. from Wichita State University and my K-6 teaching credential from California State Polytechnic University. I also hold a Multiple Subject CLAD (Cross-cultural Language and Academic Development) Specialization in teaching English Language Learners.

I enjoy working with children and strive to provide a loving, nurturing, safe, stimulating, fun, and challenging educational environment where all children will succeed and enjoy learning.

My husband David and I have one daughter and one grandson. I am a devoted grandmother and enjoy spending my free time with my family.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

SUMMARY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS

In relationship to God

- ◇ The student grows in the grace and knowledge of the Triune God,
- ◇ The student is taught to live a Christian life through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that he/she has the assurance of eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and
- ◇ The student gains knowledge of the Bible and its contents.

In relationship to self, others, and community

- ◇ The student will develop a positive self-image, and
- ◇ The student will develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for living a productive Christian life as a responsible member of his/her church, community, and world.

In relationship to intellectual development

- ◇ The student will develop academic talents and skills to the fullest extent of his/her ability,
- ◇ The student will develop positive attitudes toward learning, and
- ◇ The student shall be exposed to cultural activities, fine arts, and various types of music through classroom study, exhibits, direct participation, and field trips.

Second Grade Curriculum Overview

Biblical Studies

Second graders learn of the events and the lives of many people from both the Old and New Testaments as they grow in their understanding of how God keeps His promise to always be with them. The lives of these people also set important examples of how God wants His children to live. Emphasizing the life of Jesus, the children continue to learn of God's greatest gift – His only Son. Memory work is assigned weekly.
One in Christ, Concordia Publishing House

Language Arts

The language arts program is designed to provide students with many opportunities to interact in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Reading is taught by building upon and expanding the strong phonetics foundation, skills for decoding, and comprehension developed in first grade. The reading text which serves as the core program is enriched with carefully selected literature. The writing process emphasizes appropriate grammar, composition and spelling.

Language Arts Texts are: *Wonders* by McGraw-Hill and Saxon Phonics

Mathematics

Using a variety of manipulative and hands-on strategies, second graders master the addition and subtraction facts and apply this mastery to computing two and three place numerals requiring re-grouping. Students develop skills in estimating, telling time, measuring, graphing, and computing money, and they expand their understanding of the concepts of fractions and geometry. Problem-solving is emphasized throughout all units of study.

Text: *Savvas Envision Mathematics*

Social Studies

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Text: *People We Know* by Harcourt

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In elementary school, my 4th grade year stands out as a favorite because our teacher had us do so many interesting things as a part of our learning. As I look forward to a new school year, it is my hope to inspire learning by igniting my students' creativity and desire to know more.

I am a native to Colorado Springs, Colorado, but spent most of my childhood in Columbus, Nebraska. My family is full of Concordia University Seward graduates, so even

though I did a semester at Irvine, I finished in Nebraska. That is where I met my husband, Dustin. We both started out as teachers. I taught various grades in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Kansas City, Missouri. I was also the school's Administrative Assistant for 2 years before enjoying time as a stay-at-home mom to our four children. Declan, Ksana, Cambria, and Carter are all students here at Holy Cross Lutheran School.

I have many well-loved Bible verses, but am choosing to highlight Zephaniah 4:10, which says, ***“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.”***

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